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1. USUN WILL PROVIDE SEPTTEL FRENCH TEXT OF RELEVANT
PORTION OF LI JONG MOK'S OCTOBER 21, 1975 SPEECH.
SINCE THAT PORTION IS BRIEF AND MAY BE OF USE TO YOU
IN ENGLISH, TEXT FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT: "...FURTHERMORE,
INSISTENCE THAT SOUTH KOREA BE INVOLVED IN THE
DISCUSSION OF THE MATTER OF DISPOSING OF THE ARMISTICE
AGREEMENT IS NOT AN ATTITUDE CONDUCIVE TO A SOLUTION OF
THE QUESTION FROM THE OUTSET. AS FAR AS THE SOUTH KOREAN
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AUTHORITIES ARE CONCERNED, THEY ARE NOT SIGNATORIES TO

THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT; AND, FURTHERMORE, THEY HAVE BEEN PERSISTENTLY OPPOSED TO THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT. THEREFORE, THEY CANNOT BECOME A PARTY CONCERNED IN REGARD TO THIS AGREEMENT, NOR HAVE THEY ANY RIGHT TO INVOLVE THEMSELVES IN THE DISPOSAL OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES..." END TEXT.

2. FOLLOWING BACKGROUND MAY BE OF VALUE IN SETTING RECORD STRAIGHT. ROKG WAS NOT SIGNATORY TO ARMISTICE AGREEMENT (ONLY UNC, NORTH KOREA AND PRC SIGNED);

HOWEVER, ROKG MILITARY OFFICERS HAVE BEEN MEMBERS OF UNC SIDE OF MILITARY ARMISTICE COMMISSION SINCE 1954 AND CONTRARY TO LI JONG-MOK'S CLAIM, ROKG HAS CONSISTENTLY SUPPORTED ARMISTICE AGREEMENT AS ONLY VIABLE PEACE-KEEPING MACHINERY ON PENINSULA. PARTICULARLY OBJECTIONABLE IS LI'S CLAIM THAT ROKG HAS NO RIGHT "UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES" TO INVOLVE ITSELF IN DISPOSAL OF ARMISTICE AGREEMENT. AS GOVERNMENT THAT REPRESENTS TWO-THIRDS OF KOREAN PEOPLE AND WHICH MAINTAINS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH 96 UN MEMBERS, ROKG HAS NATURAL AND LEGITIMATE RIGHT TO BE INVOLVED IN ANY SECURITY ARRANGEMENT AFFECTING FUTURE OF KOREAN PENINSULA.

3. AS FOR "SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN PROPOSALS BEING PUT FORWARD BY EITHER OR BOTH OF TWO SIDES," YOU MAY DRAW UPON FOLLOWING POINTS IN FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH MOFA OFFICIALS:

A. WHILE OPERATIVE CLAUSES OF PRO-NORTH KOREAN DRAFT RESOLUTION REITERATE LAST YEAR'S RESOLUTION AND THUS CONSTITUTE NO BASIC CHANGE, THEY ARE CAST IN FRAMEWORK OF DELIBERATELY HEIGHTENED TENSION AIMED AT CONFRONTATIONAL UNGA POSITION. RESOLUTION, FOR EXAMPLE, ASKS UN MEMBERS TO TAKE NOTE OF PARTICULARLY OFFENSIVE AUGUST 5 NORTH KOREAN GOVT STATEMENT (STATE 205620) THAT ACCUSES US OF COMPLETING PLANS FOR RENEWED WAR IN KOREA--A TOTALLY UNFOUNDED CHARGE. RESOLUTION ALSO CONTINUES TO IGNORE EXISTENCE OF ROKG AND DENY IT ANY CONFIDENTIAL

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ROLE IN FUTURE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR PENINSULA--A POSITION THAT EVEN MOST DETACHED OBSERVER OF KOREA SCENE MUST FIND UNSUPPORTABLE.

B. PRO-SOUTH KOREAN DRAFT RESOLUTION, ON OTHER HAND, REFLECTING DESIRE OF UNGA MEMBERSHIP TO AVOID ANOTHER STERILE DEBATE, ADOPTS EVEN MORE CONCILIATORY APPROACH THAN LAST YEAR. IN LINE WITH SECRETARY'S JULY 22 SPEECH,

RESOLUTION CALLS FOR RESUMPTION OF SOUTH-NORTH DIALOGUE
AND NEGOTIATIONS AMONG THE OTHER PARTIES DIRECTLY
CONCERNED (US, PRC AND BOTH SOUTH AND NORTH KOREA). IT
CONSTITUTES REALISTIC AND CONSTRUCTIVE SOLUTION TO
LONG PENDING KOREAN REUNIFICATION PROBLEM. ROBINSON

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